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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Bangkok Bureau - February 1985

## I. GENERAL

The bureau remained open late several evenings to handle late-breaking items on the 25 February Pakistan parliamentary elections, but the poll was conducted quietly and largely without incident. The opposition's boycott was not effective, as 53% of those eligible voted, but, somewhat surprisingly, five of Ziaul Haq's ministers lost in their bids for seats, necessitating an immediate cabinet reshuffle.

After having overrun the headquarters of the KPNLF faction of the Cambodian resistance forces in early January, Vietnam turned its attention to the Phnum Malai mountain stronghold of the Khmer Rouge faction in February and overran that as well. Only days before this action, the resistance coalition government's president, Prince Sihanouk, had conducted his annual acceptance of diplomatic credentials in this "showcase" enclave. The clandestine military radio VONADK became silent during the assault and returned to the air again 4 days later, apparently broadcasting from a more northerly region of the Cambodian-Thai border area. The military reverses occasioned new expressions of support from ASEAN, including a foreign-ministerial meeting in Bangkok that called for increased military aid to the resistance, and speculation over the longterm political and military effects. One line of thinking is that the resistance forces will need to expand their operations within the Cambodian interior in classic guerrilla warfare a strategy that seems reflected in reports carried by their radios.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Beginning with its 4 February broadcasts, the Thai radio Voice of Free Asia provided more extensive time for its Indochinese-language programs. Its Cambodian service devoted a great deal of air time to the activities and statements of Sihanouk, who was in the area most of the month. Press reports indicated the step-up resulted from growing Thai concern about Vietnam's role in the region.

2. The bureau sent four FYI's on the possible relocation of the transmitter of the Cambodian resistance military radio and fielded several calls from local consumers on the situation.

3. AG approved a bureau request to switch from wirefiling the program summary from the Moscow Cambodian 1330-1400 GMT cast to pouching the summary periodically.

B. Technical

Eight bureau employees attended a successful 8-day CRW training course on IBM-PC's which was conducted at the bureau. The two trainers highly praised their apt and eager students.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

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1. Indonesian-Malay monitors [redacted] were promoted to FBN-8 effective 3 February.

2. A 3-month English-language training course was started for personnel at the Bang Ping receiver site.

IV. VISITS

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A. An auditor, [redacted] was at the bureau and at Bang Ping 11-13 February reviewing administrative and property records and procedures.

B. Samart Sriyanong, a representative of Thai National Security Council Secretary General Prasong, visited the bureau on 22 February to follow up a conversation between Prasong and the bureau chief at lunch the previous day.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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A. The family of Chief Monitor [redacted] received only 2-days' prior notice of the long-awaited arrival of [redacted] from Vietnam on 23 February. The two will be settled in the Seattle area [redacted]

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SIAM

B. Bureau personnel spent much of the month tracking down pirated video copies of the film "Killing Fields" to view the possible Academy Award performance of Cambodian Unit Chief [redacted]. A reward is being offered for the first ex-Bangkok Bureau staffer who can correctly identify [redacted] key role in this film.

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau

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Monthly Production Report

## BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	589,230
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	265,190
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,322

<u>BROAD-CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI-CATION</u>
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:  
(minutes or issues per week)

19,650 min.	20,450 min.	248.00 issues
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	35,670	
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English		530
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English		3,830
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English		0

BANGLADESH

Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	1,650	
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	2,420	
Dhaka Overseas Service in Bengali	460	
Dhaka Overseas Service in English	280	
Dhaka BSS in English		940
Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali		250
Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English		0

BRUNEI

Kuala Belait THE BORNEO BULLETIN in English		280
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BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	4,140	
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Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese		0
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese		0
Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese		0
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English		0

CHINA

Beijing International Service in Bengali	0
Beijing International Service in Burmese	140
Beijing International Service in Indonesian	550
Beijing International Service in Lao	0
Beijing International Service in Thai	880
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	2,520
Beijing in Hindi to India	0
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Vietnam Resistance Radio in Vietnamese	0
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	29,370
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	7,790
(Clandestine) Voice of The National Army Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	17,120
(Clandestine) Voice of The People of Burma in Burmese	1,720
(Clandestine) Voice of The People of Malaysia in Malay	340

HONG KONG

Hong Kong AFP in English	0
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INDIA

Delhi Domestic Service in English	33,100
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	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	2,930		
Bombay PTI in English		450	
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		0	
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			0
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			0
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			0
Delhi INDIA TODAY in English			3,660
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			780
Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English			0
Delhi PATRIOT in English			890
Delhi THE HINDUSTAN TIMES in English			1,310
Madras THE HINDU in English			0

INDONESIA

Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	13,550		
Jakarta International Service in English	1,060		
Jakarta BERITA BUANA in Indonesian			0
Jakarta JAKARTA POST in English			0
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			1,540
Jakarta MERDEKA in Indonesian			2,010
Jakarta SINAR HARAPAN in Indonesian			1,810
Jakarta TEMPO in Indonesian			460
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			0

KAMPUCHEA

Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	46,300		
Phnom Penh SPK in English		9,090	
Phnom Penh SPK in French		6,950	

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
Phnom Penh SPK in French to KPL Vientiane		0	
Phnom Penh VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi		0	
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	38,430		
Vientiane KPL in English		11,690	
Vientiane KPL in English/French to SPK Phnom Penh		0	
Vientiane SPK in French to SPK Phnom Penh		0	
Vientiane VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi		0	
Vientiane PASASON in Lao			0
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	2,700		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	1,710		
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	8,280		
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			3,310
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			770
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	460		
Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			0
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Domestic Service in English	5,010		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	12,990		
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	3,100		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	1,810		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			2,460

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			300
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo Domestic Service in English	3,690		
Colombo Domestic Service in Tamil	0		
Colombo International Service in English	4,380		
Colombo DAILY NEWS in English			640
Colombo SUN in English			0
Colombo WEEKEND in English			0
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	4,600		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	9,750		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Cambodian	5,950		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	2,890		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Lao	0		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	3,800		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Vietnamese	140		
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			45,840
Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English			22,520
Bangkok DAO SIAM in Thai			1,160
Bangkok LAK THAI in Thai			0
Bangkok MATICHON SUT SAPDA in Thai			0
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			1,450
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai			0
Bangkok PATINYA in Thai			0
Bangkok SIAM RAT SAPDA WICHAN in Thai			0
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			260

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			0
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			1,640
Bangkok THE NATION REVIEW in English			29,140
Bangkok WIWAT in Thai			0

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Indonesian	0		
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh	0		
Moscow in Burmese to Burma	2,320		
Moscow in Cambodian to Kampuchea	2,980		
Moscow in Hindi to India	4,360		
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia	1,350		
Moscow in Lao to Laos	0		
Moscow in Thai to Thailand	1,100		
Moscow in Urdu to India	0		
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan	790		

UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in English	3,160		
Moscow International Service in Tamil	0		

VIETNAM

Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	71,190		
Hanoi International Service in Cambodian	0		
Hanoi International Service in English	6,840		
Hanoi International Service in Thai	370		
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese to NHAN DAN Ho Chi Minh City		0	
Hanoi VNA in English		1,910	
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			25,040



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Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in  
Vietnamese

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Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in  
Vietnamese

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